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Mr. Malcolm A. Frost
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Dear Malcolm:

I received with regret your notification of 3 February that budget limitations will force a curtailment of your monitoring in the near future. It is of particular concern that some of the reductions lie in areas which FBIB stations cannot profitably monitor, such as Finland, the western zones of Germany and Austria and the Russian Baltic states, the latter just as we are making every effort to expand coverage of Soviet Regional transmitters. It must be admitted, however, that I do not have at the present time any suggestions for a better distribution of reductions in coverage if such are required. We shall of course be happy, as I cabled you, to begin sending you an unedited file of Latin American material as soon as reperforating equipment is installed.

We can, as you suggest, discuss this more thoroughly at our next meeting. I have some hope that Seely's assumption of eastern European coverage within his range will make it possible for you to allocate more funds to the cable file from Kyrenia and perhaps to restore some of these proposed cuts by the elimination of duplicate monitoring at Caversham.

Sincerely yours,

L. K. WHITE

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